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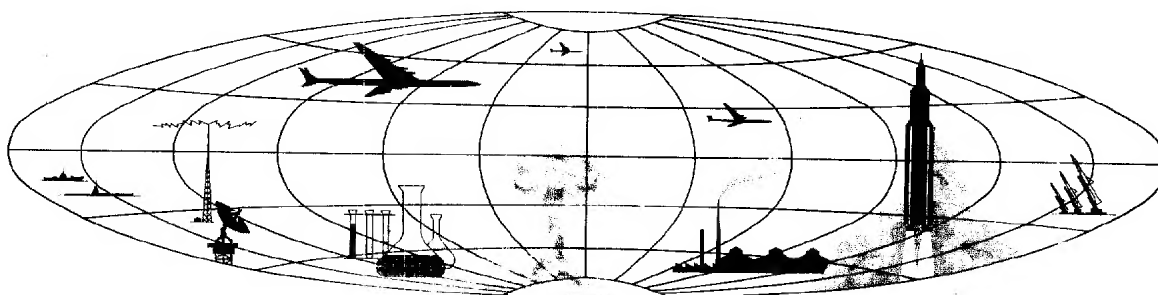
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3565, DATED 21 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE ABANDONED.  
NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS COVERED LAUNCHERS, A CANVAS COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AREA CONTAINS 26 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, NUMEROUS  
MISSILE CANISTERS, AND 2 VEHICLES.

25X1D

CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2236N 08005W

NUMEROUS PROBABLE VEHICLES OBSERVED. FOLIAGE AND  
SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SIX LAUNCHERS, 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND AN  
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 LAUNCHERS,  
21 VEHICLES, 12 PROBABLE CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND  
A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 12 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, 45 CRUISE-MISSILE-TYPE CRATES, AND  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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-AIRFIELDS-

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CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 7 FAGOT/FRESCO OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON AND 6 FAGOT/FRESCO.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 34 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 20 FAGOT/FRESCO,  
3 T-6, 11 B-26, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE  
LIAISON TRAINER.

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, 4 C-46,  
ONE C-47, 3 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE LODESTAR,  
ONE CESSNA 310, ONE BEECHCRAFT, ONE COOT,  
5 CRATE (ONE WITHOUT WINGS), AND ONE B-26.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CRATE, 2 C-47, ONE PBY, 6 COLT,  
AND 43 LIAISON/TRAINER.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES REMAIN AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 62 HOUND (ONE WITHOUT ROTORS), 7 HARE,  
ONE CRATE, ONE C-47, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTERS.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
CULVERT AT EAST OF RUNWAY NOW COVERED.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, AND 2 PC.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- TWO POSSIBLE FREIGHTERS, ONE POSSIBLE  
TANKER, AND ONE POSSIBLE PF. OBLIQUITY  
PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 19 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE  
TANKER, 8 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 5 TRAWLERS,  
ONE PF, 4 PT, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE  
RAILWAY, AND 4 PC.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SIX VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

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ALTO CEDRO, MILITARY CAMP 2029N 07600W

APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
PARTIAL COVERAGE PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

CAMP CONTAINS 22 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY  
300 OTHER VEHICLES.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 13 VEHICLES.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

CAMP CONTAINS 10 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 16 VEHICLES.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

CAMP CONTAINS 22 FA PIECES AND 33 TRUCKS.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 30 TANKS/SP GUNS, 31 VEHICLES,  
34 PROBABLE TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 9 FA PIECES.  
WEST AREA -- 36 VEHICLES AND 22 FA PIECES.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS 2 LOW-BOY TRAILERS AND 91 VEHICLES.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- AT LEAST 15 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 50 TRUCKS.  
AREA 2 -- 8 VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- 25 TANKS/SP GUNS, AND 8 VEHICLES.  
AREA 4 -- 20 LIGHT FA PIECES.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES IN AREA.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

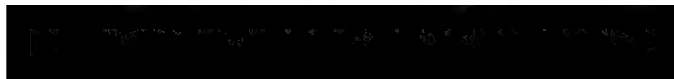
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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIFTY VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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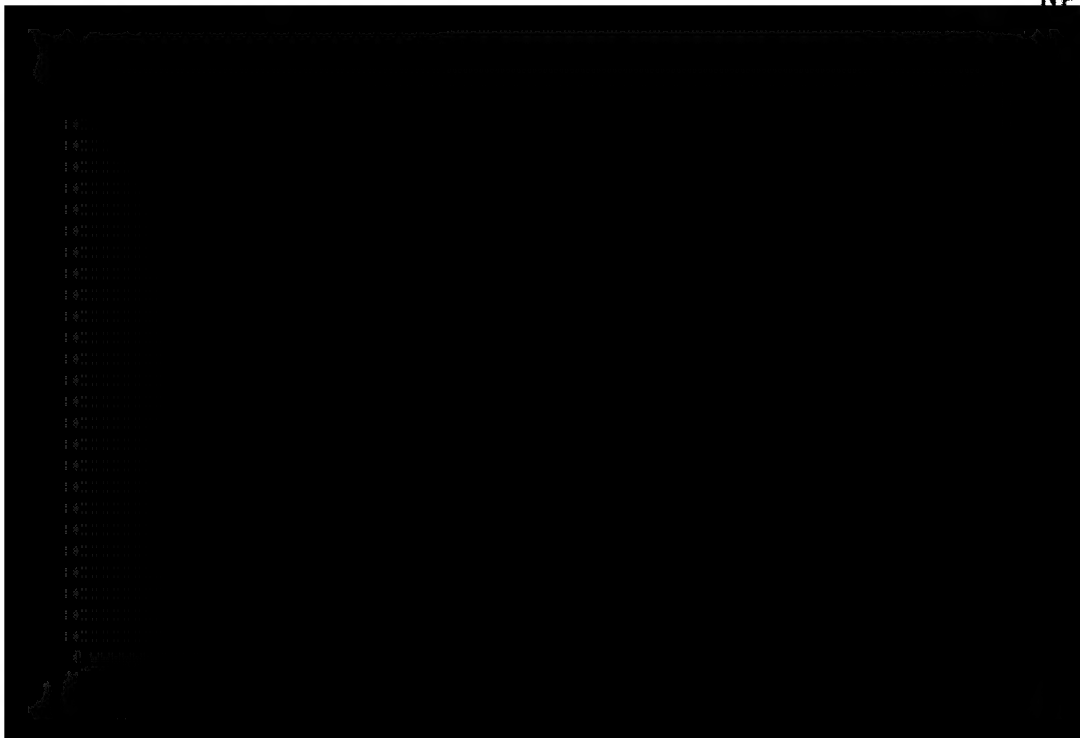
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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2  
CHAPARRA SAM SITE  
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER  
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA  
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED  
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR

2242N 08308W  
2257N 08239W  
2239N 07951W  
2225N 07935W  
2257N 08236W  
2107N 07626W  
2300N 08226W  
2258N 08227W  
2301N 08246W  
2250N 08233W  
2254N 08231W  
2300N 08234W

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TARARA LANDING BEACH  
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION

2310N 08212W  
2224N 07953W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

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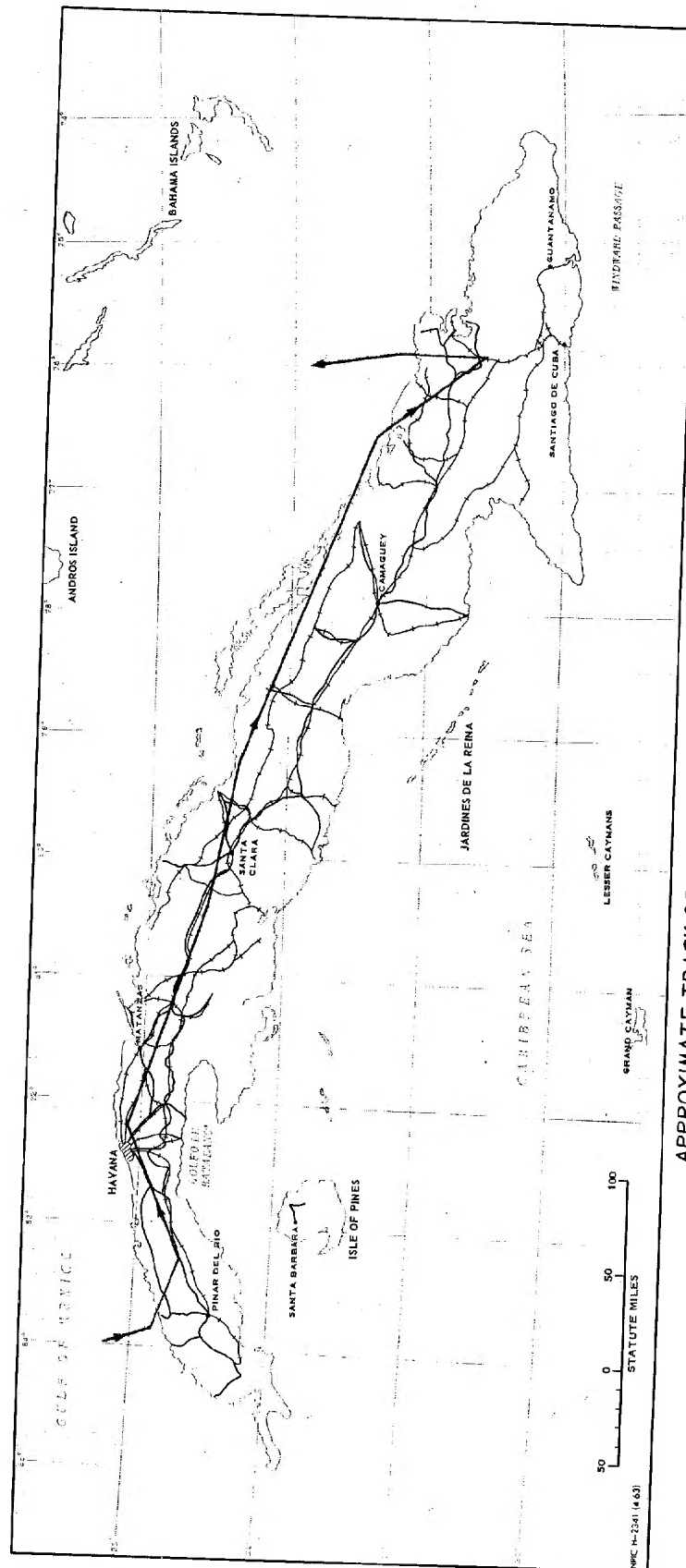
JIGUANI SAM SITE  
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP  
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP  
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

2021N 07620W  
2251N 08248W  
2301N 08242W  
2258N 08311W  
2258N 08220W  
2221N 07957W

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